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Square Dancers Gathering To Help Heart Fund Drive

"Squares" will be giving from their hearts Tuesday evening at the Civic Auditorium when the Corn Stompers, the Recreation Department sponsored square dance group holds its annual benefit dance, proceeds to be turned over to the National Heart Fund.

Square dancers from throughout the southwest metropolitan area will converge upon the auditorium as guests of the Corn Stompers, according to Ben Paulsen, secretary of the club.

Live music, guest callers, refreshments and door prizes are features of the Stompers benefit, slated to start at 8 p.m. on Feb. 22.

The Corn Stompers, organized as a going club just one month ago, has lost no time in swinging its 100-plus membership into its first major community activity.

Start from Scratch The majority of the western-garbed enthusiasts of America's folk dance had never whirled a partner prior to last fall when the Recreation Department, under the direction of Harry Van Bellehem, started the group as a beginner's class.

Paulsen, with his co-secretary wife Helen, lives at 1547 W. 214th St., and they are among the neophytes who are now intermediate dancers, and they bring the experience of people operating their own business into their work for the club.

John and Edde Erlerson, of 22407 Denker Ave., on the other hand typify old timers to the spirit and fun of square dancing. The shipyard pattern maker fills the post of sergeant-at-

arms for the club, wears the blue jeans and black boots of the square dancer, and adds old-time western color to his appearance with sideburns and a seven-month growth of goat-ee.

The couple, in addition, attends such other dance groups as the Merry Mixers, Hot Timers, Yokes and Yokels, and the Vagabonds, among the many clubs whose members have been invited to participate in the benefit dance.

Well-Known Caller Gerald Reeser is one of the best-known callers in the Southland. He will host the numerous guest callers, each of whom will take a turn at the benefit microphone.

In everyday life a building contractor, Reeser and his wife Iola, who is a senior recreation leader in the Recreation Department, have guided the Corn Stompers from the beginning. In addition to calling every Tuesday for the club at the Auditorium, he conducts a Teen-Age Square Dance group every Friday evening in the Torrance Civic Building, and

calls for six other regular clubs and groups.

Filling the post of president of the Corn Stompers are Bill and Virginia McLain, and other officers are Ellis and Florence Mayfield, vice-president; Guy Hight, who is also the Torrance custodian, treasurer, Mrs. Hight is the club hostess, and John and Mary Gansley hold little as delegates to the Associated Square Dancers.

Chairmen Named Committee chairmen are Francis and Betty Gum, special events; Phyllis and Merle Johnson, refreshments; Mary Ann and Claude Engelhardt, entertainment; and Don and Bea Weymouth, publicity.

Local merchants are contributing door prizes to add to the attraction of the benefit dance, and these range from purchase orders for dance shoes to items of household furniture.

The women of the Corn Stompers have volunteered to provide the refreshments, and each plans to appear laden with home-prepared cakes and other table foods.



YO-YO CHAMPS PRAISED... Recreation Department representative Yal Daniels awards Marilyn Bogacki, 9, first-place trophy for copping the city-wide yo-yo championship — girls division, while boys' division winner, Alan Lamson, 11, looks on. The pair defeated all other entrants in city finals Saturday afternoon. They'll represent Torrance in district contests at Inglewood. Marilyn attends Seaside School, and entered at Walter's Playground; Alan attends St. James School, entered at El Retiro Park.



MRS. EVEN WILL HEAD HEART FUND

Mrs. Charles Even, of 2376 W. 176th St., has been named chairwoman of the local Heart Crusaders in the 1955 Heart Sunday campaign. Assisting Mrs. Even will be Mrs. John Miller and Mrs. D. R. Turner, both of Torrance.

Announcement of the appointment was made by Thomas Allen, attorney, Gardena.

This is the fourth year in which various communities of Los Angeles County have sponsored appeals for funds in February, campaign month of the County Heart Assn.

Mrs. Even pointed out that the Heart Fund provides money for heart research, community heart programs, and education. Such important projects on the local level as the life-saving Artery Bank, as well as research at a number of key hospitals and university medical schools, are supported by the Heart Fund.

Any other persons interested in working in the drive should call Mrs. Even at DA 9-3223.

BRAINY FAMILY... Bobbie and Nancy Viefhaus, children of Mr. and Mrs. L. Viefhaus, of 1605 Acacia Ave., congratulate each other upon being named to the Marymount School Honor Society, Bob, a seventh grader, and Nancy, a high school junior, each receive a Lamp of Knowledge pin, insignia of membership.



ATSCHOOL... Now assigned to school at Amarillo Air Force Base is A/Sc Byron F. Cooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest L. Buckley, of 2623 Reynosa Dr. Cooper took his basic at Parks AFB after entering the service in November. He is a Torrance High School graduate.

New Salary Plan Studied

A new salary schedule for high school principals—starting at \$7708—was considered by the Torrance School Board Monday night. Under the plan, principals with a master's degree and 26 additional units would start at \$7708, while those with a degree and 48 more units would get \$7953. In twelve steps, the top salary in each category would be \$9808 and \$10,055 respectively. The board will vote on the plan in two weeks. Principals now start at \$6516.

Car Parts Stolen A fire, wheel, and carburetor valued at \$60 were taken from his car as it was parked in front of 22010 S. Normandie Ave., Kenneth E. Eldridge, of 808 Curlew Ave., told sheriff's deputies Monday.



PLAY REHEARSAL... Portions of the Torrance High School senior play, "We Were Young That Year," are done in the modern style—with a minimum of sets. In this scene Nancy, played by Jan Desmond, and Larry, played by Jim Donnette, take a ride in an MG. Discussing life at a summer resort with them are Marsha, played by Judi Reid, and Andy, portrayed by Steve Peters. The play is to be presented Friday and Saturday nights at the high school. Admission is 50 cents.

County Bans Crime Comics

An ordinance prohibiting the sale of so-called "horror-crime" comic books was adopted by the County Board of Supervisors Tuesday. Supervisor Burton W. Chase pointed out that the new ordinance would not ban all comic books, but only those believed to be having a detrimental effect upon the conduct of juveniles.

Chain Fence Taken Eighty feet of chain link fence was stolen from a home at 3807 Newton St., H. K. Landas, reported to police.

Hitchhiker Gets Robbed

A hitchhiking Torrance High School student Friday, decided it would have been cheaper if he had taken a bus.

Duane Eugene Keith, 16, of 4303 W. 177th St., told sheriff's deputies that he had been picked up by four men in Los Angeles, who took him to Redondo Beach Blvd. and Broadway. They then pulled a gun on him, and took \$2 from his billfold and a leather jacket valued at \$10, he said.

Deputies escorted him the rest of the way home.

SWEETHEARTS... One of these 12 hopefuls will reign as Queen of El Camino College's Annual Sweetheart Ball Saturday evening. From the foreground and proceeding around the circle from the left are Paula Marie Albo, Donna Eddleman, Diann Shanahan, Sandra Sherwood, Sharon O'Haver, Maggie Tate, Sandy McLain, Barbara Fenly, Mary Wallenberg, Marti Moulton, Sandra Forsyth and Sylvia Carroll.

Curtain Goes Up On Senior Play

The curtain will ring up on the Torrance High School's Senior Class play, "We Were Young That Year," tomorrow night for a two-night run. The play is slated to get underway both Friday and Saturday nights at 8 o'clock.

Starring Jan Desmond and Steve Peters in the title roles, the play is a romantic comedy, written by Auran Harris.

Director Von Hershey has built the play in the modern style—using a minimum of set decorations yet having the actors perform so as to create the illusion that all of the scenery is on the stage.

Tickets for the three-act play can be purchased at the high school auditorium box office for 50 cents the night of the performance. There are no reserved seats.

Others in the cast include Judy Wright, Judi Reid, Connie Stout, Joe Fazio, Tom Cavanaugh, Dorsey Gruver, Joan Stewart, Pat Rogan, Joe Giordano, Sally Moore, Mary Lou Bass, Diane Larson, Jeff Carr, Jim Donnette, Joan Laskaris, Tom Vanderpool, Judy Slater and Joan Blackman. The setting is a summer resort at Lake Arrowhead.

Members of the student production staff are Connie Stout, manager; Judy Slater, director; and Jim Haworth, house manager.



AN OLD, OLD STORY... Some bones of animals which roamed this area thousands of years ago are contained in rocks on the property of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Koshak, of 2334 W. 226th St. Mrs. Koshak displays a rock which has fossilized hand or foot bones, while the large rock has what appears to be a large hip bone. Koshak, a rock collector, has pieces of stone from many parts of the country.

Stewart Gets New Job with Carbide Firm

Isaac M. Stewart, vice-president of Union Carbide and Carbon Corporation, in addition to his responsibilities in New York, will become resident vice-president of the corporation in the Pacific Coast and Rocky Mountain areas, it was announced Monday by M. G. Dial, president. His western office will be located in the Union Carbide Building, in San Francisco.

Joining Union Carbide in 1936, he has been a vice-president of the corporation since 1949. He is also vice-president of several divisions of Union Carbide.

Stewart is a native of Salt Lake City and lived in that region and in California for many years. He attended the University of California at Los Angeles and was graduated from George Washington University, Washington, D.C., with the degree of LL.B. in 1928. He still maintains a home in Utah.

Stogies, Chewing Gum Missing in Burglary

After making a shambles of Leonard's Bar-B-Q, 22815 S. Main St., burglars made off with \$19 worth of cigars and an undetermined amount of gum, Leonard Walker reported to sheriff's deputies Tuesday. The robbers apparently broke in the back door, and scattered ice cream and cigars all around, he said.

Twelve Coeds Vie for Queen Title at El Camino College

Eighteen year old Marti Moulton, of 1721 Greenwood Ave., is one of twelve El Camino College freshman women vying for the crown of campus Queen of Hearts to reign at the annual Sweetheart's Ball, Saturday evening.

A queen and two-runners will get the opportunity to preside over the affair to be held at the Campus Center this week end.

Competing for the crown, in addition to Miss Moulton, are Sandra Forsythe, Sandra Sherwood, Barbara Fenly, Donna Eddleman, Mary Wallenberg, Sylvia Carroll, Maggie Tate, Paula Marie Albo, Sandra McLain, Diann Shanahan, and Sharon O'Haver. All candidates must be a freshman carrying at least 12 1/2 units of work with at least a "C" average. Candidates were introduced to the student body at an assembly last Friday.

Miss Moulton, a Torrance High graduate, is a member of Chi Theta Chi sorority. She plans to enter the secretarial field on graduation from El Camino.

Auto Strikes Pedestrian

A 39-year-old man was seriously injured when he was struck by an auto at Avalon Blvd. and Carson St., Friday evening. Taken to Harbor General Hospital was James Gossett, 38, of 21718 Orrick Ave. Investigators said he was carrying a sack of groceries which might have blocked his vision. Driver was Joseph Kunkel, 24, of Hermosa Beach, according to California Highway Patrolman W. D. McKim. Gossett was hurled onto the hood of the car, then over the roof to the highway.

Bookkeeping Class Opens

Beginning adult bookkeeping classes are being offered at Torrance Evening High School on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Elroy Iverson, the instructor, has taught bookkeeping in commercial colleges and high schools in the midwest and is currently teaching day classes at Torrance High School. Topics to be covered include the basic principles of beginning bookkeeping; keeping books for a professional in a business organization, or individual; budgeting for a family, and keeping a family budget.

To Attend Convention

Dr. and Mrs. Allen Pyeatt, of 804 Curlew Ave., will attend the Golden Anniversary Convention of the California Ophtometric Association in Fresno, Feb. 19 through 23. More than 500 members of the COA and the Women's Auxiliary are expected to attend.